IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE EASTERN DIVISION

EVAN KNOX,)
Plaintiff,))
VS.) No. 15-1133-JDT-egb
BO RIDER, ET AL., Defendants.)))
Defendants.	,

ORDER DIRECTING ENTRY OF JUDGMENT, CERTIFYING AN APPEAL WOULD NOT BE TAKEN IN GOOD FAITH AND NOTIFYING PLAINTIFF OF APPELLATE FILING FEE

On June 1, 2015, Plaintiff Evan Knox, who is presently incarcerated at the South Central Correctional Facility in Clifton, Tennessee, filed a *pro se* complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF Nos. 1 & 2.) The Court subsequently issued an order granting leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and assessing the \$350 filing fee pursuant to the Prison Litigation Reform Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(a)-(b). (ECF No. 4.) On May 4, 2016, the Court dismissed the complaint for failure to state a claim but granted leave to amend within thirty days. (ECF No. 8.) The order warned that failure to file an amendment would result in the entry of judgment and assessment of a "strike" pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1915(g). (*Id.* at 15.)

Plaintiff has not filed an amended complaint, and the time within which to do so has expired. Therefore, judgment will be entered in accordance with the May 4, 2016, order of dismissal.

It is CERTIFIED, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) and Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 24(a), that an appeal would not be taken in good faith.

A certification that an appeal is not taken in good faith does not affect an indigent prisoner

plaintiff's ability to take advantage of the installment procedures contained in § 1915(b). See

McGore v. Wrigglesworth, 114 F.3d 601, 610-11 (6th Cir. 1997), partially overruled on other

grounds by LaFountain v. Harry, 716 F.3d 944, 951 (6th Cir. 2013). McGore sets out specific

procedures for implementing the PLRA, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(a)-(b). Therefore, Plaintiff is instructed

that if files a notice of appeal and wishes to take advantage of the installment procedures for paying

the \$505 appellate filing fee, he must comply with the procedures set out in McGore and

§ 1915(a)(2) by filing an updated in forma pauperis affidavit and a current, certified copy of his

inmate trust account for the six months immediately preceding the filing of the notice of appeal.

For analysis under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) of future filings, if any, by Plaintiff, this is the second

dismissal of one of his cases as frivolous or for failure to state a claim. This "strike" shall take

effect when judgment is entered. See Coleman v. Tollefson, 135 S. Ct. 1759, 1763-64 (2015).

The Clerk is directed to prepare a judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ James D. Todd

JAMES D. TODD

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ Plaintiff previously filed *Knox v. CCA Metro*, No. 3:10-cv-00410 (M.D. Tenn. May 5, 2010) (dismissed for failure to state a claim).